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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 2, 2005 for two months, from January 2, 2006 to March 2, 2006.

Enclosed is our check in payment of the \$450.00 extension fee.

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This is in response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2005, in which the examiner required election of one of the following species of the claimed invention.

Species I:

Figures 2-5;

Species II:

Figure 6; and

Species III:

Figures 7-8.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, the Species I (Figures 2-5).

Claims 1-18 and 20-22 are readable on this species and, of these claims, claims 1-5, 8-14, 14, 17, 21 and 22 are generic.

Respectfully submitted,

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